

SOME

TESTIMONIES

OF THE

Life, Death and Sufferings

OF

Amariah Drewet,

OF

CIRENCESTER,

IN

Gloucestershire, lately Deceased;

AND

To the way of Life wherein he walked.

Whose Living Words upon his Dying Bed are worthy to
be had in Remembrance.



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to the way in which the witness has been treated.

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A Testimony of the Life, Death and Sufferings of *Amariah Drewet*, &c.

Mary Drewet's Testimony concerning her Husband.

I Being so nearly Related as a Wife to *Amariah Drewet*, have this Testimony to bear for him: He was a Lover of the Truth, and all the Upright-hearted that Lived in it, they were near and dear unto him; there is a few Words that lives in the Singleness of my Heart, as a short Testimony of his Innocent Life, and the Good Saviour that was with him on his Death-Bed: The Lord brought us together in his Fear, and in the Love of the precious Truth wherein we were Joyned we Lived in true Unity, the Days the Lord gave us together; and although the Lord was pleased to remove him to my great loss, which in the Consideration is a deep Exercise; but there is cause of Joy and Comfort as my Eye is to the Lord, being satisfied in his well-being: He was a tender Husband and Father to my Children which I had by a former Husband: (who also in his day was a Man Fearing God, and a Lover of Truth) I can truly say, to the Praise of the Name of the Lord, that his Life and Conversation Preached, and his Moderation was known to most where he Lived, that the Lord was at hand; and according to the measure the Lord had given him since he knew the Truth, he was Faithful in his Day, and turned not his Back in the time of Suffering; but willingly, and with cheerfulness was given up, and rather Blessed the Name of the Lord that he was found worthy to be one of that Number, to have his Faith tryed before the Lord, and also before his Persecutors, often desiring the Lord to forgive them, and that they might come to see the Evil of their Ways, and turn to the Lord by true Repentance, that they might find Favour with him: He was a plain hearted Man, and hated all Decair and Pride where

ever it appeared, and those that kept in the true plainness were very near unto him, the remembrance of it hath deep impression on my Heart, in the consideration of the goodness of the Lord, what he is to those that fear him, and are of an Upright Heart; their latter end is not like the Wicked, as this my dear Husband was made a Living Witness of; and it pleased the Lord to give him a double Portion of his Spirit, the Hundred fold in this Life, as a full Reward in his own Bosom, according to his Promise, and in that which is to come Life Everlasting.

On the 11th Day of the 7th Month 1687. it pleased the Lord to visit him with Sickness; and a Peavor came on, but very moderate; that in all his Sickness, when asked how he was, he would answer, *Pretty Well, and not much in Pain*; which was a great privilege as to the outward Man; but that Life which excelleth all, which indeed was Health in Sickness, and is over Death, Hell and the Grave, and is Everlasting, the Lord in a large measure made him partaker of, and so filled his Soul with his Love that he did often Sing for Joy of Heart; and as Friends came in to visit him, his Heart would be often opened with fresh Springs of Life, and break forth with sweet Praises, Magnifying the worthy Name of the Lord, and his Power that he had made him a Witness of, to the Refreshment of the Upright-hearted; and also a Word of Exhortation was given him, as there was occasion, when People came in to visit him, to the tendering of their Hearts; he gave sweet Counsel to my Children, Exhorting them *to live in the Fear of God, and love the Truth*. And about three days before he Departed, he broke forth with Praises to the Lord, again signifying, if it were the last Testimony he had to bare, that the *Love and Presence, and Peace of God was with him*; and that he could as truly say, as good old Simeon, *That he had seen the Salvation of God*: The Night before he Departed, being in a sweet frame of Spirit said, *My dear Wife, be not cast down nor troubled, the Lord intends Good to thee*; desiring me to go to Bed, and said, *I had need of Rest*, and gave me up to the Lord whose Presence I feel, *and I resign up thee, and the Keeper of Israel, the good Watchman that never Slumbers nor Sleeps be with thee*. This in great tenderness he spoke; so we took our Leave of each other, and the greatest part of that Night after he had been a little in a Slumber, he would awake with sweet Praises.

Praises in his Mouth, for the largeness of the loving Kindness of the Lord that he felt, and early in the Morning when I came to him, he told me, he had been sweetly Refreshed this Night, and blessed the Name of the Lord that let him Live to see this Day, and that he had given his People a little time of Liberty and Rest to wait upon the Lord, desiring they might prize it, and be Faithful. He often desired his dear Love to be remembered to all Friends, especially to those travilling Friends that he had most acquaintance with, and that had frequented his House; he continued Sensible to the last, and still with renewed Praises to the Lord; and towards the Evening, being the 2nd of the 7th Month 1687. and about the Sixtieth Year of his Age, he departed this Life. These things are not Written to take any thing to self, but forever I desire to lie low before the Lord, and to his Name and Power, that was manifest through his Servant that's taken from me, be the Honour and Praise for evermore; and also that it might be an Invitation to such as have any tender desires after the Lord, and are yet Strangers to his Way, that they may know and see how good the Lord is to them that Fear him, and have believed in and obeyed the Light of Christ Jesus, that he hath placed in every Man and Womans Conscience, as a Reprover of every Evil Word and Work, that they may come to believe in it and obey its Requirings, that they may be made partakers of the same Salvation to their own Comfort and Well-being forever. So desiring the Lord may be with me, and bare up my Head, and carry me through my new Exercises which the Lord sees good to try me withal, in a true Submission to his Will, which Blessed be the Lord, as my Eye is turned towards him, and my Mind staid upon him, his secret Hand doth uphold me. O that I, with all the Lords People that are left a little behind, may be diligent to answer the Lord in all things that he requires of us, and that we may be good Examples in our places, and before our Children in all manner of plainness, as becomes the Truth, for this Generation passeth fast away; so that they may come up in our room to serve the Lord, and bare a Testimony for his Truth, that they may be made partakers of this blessed Inheritance that shall never fade away, and that the Lord has prepared for them that Love and Serve him, which this my dear Husband did in his day, according

According to the merciful God had given him, and is now entered
into his Rest, where his Praise is for ever with the Lord, and
his Memorial will Live in the Hearts of the upright, although
his Body is taken from us, and returned to its own Center.

Mary Drent.

John Drent's Testimony concerning Amariah Drent

This is the Testimony I have to bare for my dear Uncle *Amariah Drent*, that he was a Man of an Innocent Life and Conversation; he was well seasoned with the Grace of God, and was Faithful to the Truth, which I believe was more precious to him than all things besides it. I was often with him in the time of his Sickness, and he was preserved in a sweet frame of Spirit, often speaking of the Goodness of the Lord to him on his Death-Bed, and his Heart was filled with Praises to the Lord, in the openings of Life, to the great Comfort and Refreshment of those Friends that were about him; he was a Man that was Faithful to the Lord in his Testimony, in the time of Tryal, and was bold for the Truth, and was Strength to those that were Weak, and did encourage them to stand Faithful to the end; as blessed be the Lord he was preserved, by the mighty Power of God, through all his Sufferings, which was great, both by Imprisonments and Spoiling of Goods, which he bore with much Cheerfulness, and stood stedfast without Wavering, blessed be the worthy Name of the Lord that did uphold him: I watched with him one Night, and I was sweetly Refreshed with him; he was much attended with the good Presence of the Lord, and many sweet Expressions came from him; some of which I wrote down from his own Mouth, what I could understand, but sometimes he spoke so low that I could not well understand what he said, but take this as followeth, viz.

O Lord, Strengthen my poor Body, that I may Praise thy Name.
Dear Father, my Rest is in thee, who pours out of thy Spirit into thy
people, Blessed be the Lord forever and for evermore.

O the largeness of thy Goodness, that I feel. O Lord, hear my Cry,
and bare up my Head in all my Emergencies.

O thy joyful Presence and fresh Springs of Life that I feel, Glory and
Honor, and Praises be unto thy Name forever.

Blessed Lord, a Weak Man, but in thy Power do I receive Strength,
thy Presence and Love I feel, Blessed and Praised be thy Holy Name.

O Lord help me and keep me close to thy Power.

O Lord attend my dear Wife with thy Presence.

Some more Words that he spoke at another time.

O thou mighty Jehovah, before whom all Nations are but as a drop of
a Bucket, and to the faintest of the Balance; thou who weighest the
Mountains in Scales, and the Hills as in a Balance; Almighty art thou in
Power, but the World will not believe in thee, nor in thy Son Christ Jesus;
that they may be Saved; and much more to his purpose that was
not taken.

O my dear Uncle, the great loss I have of thee hath cost me
many a Tear, but our Loss is thy Gain, who was Faithful unto
the Death, and hast obtained a Crown of Life, and an entrance
into that Inheritance that shall never fade away, where thy Rest is
sure with the Lord forever, in which I am well satisfied.

John Drowet.

**Theophilus Townsend's Testimony concerning the Life,
Death and Sufferings of Amariah Drowet lately
Deceased.**

HE was an Innocent Upright Man, one that bore a good and
faithful Testimony for the Lord in his Day and Time, both
in Doing and Suffering, and finished his Testimony with Joy, as
through the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord I was made a Li-
ving Witness having a Living Sence upon my Spirit of the Living
Presence of the Lord, that did accompany him in the time of his
Sickness, it often tendered his Heart, and refreshed his Soul, that
in the sence of Gods Love, and in the rising of Divine Life his
Mouth was often opened to those that came to visit him, and also

to them that were about him of his own Family and Relations, in good Advice and tender Counsel to them to be Faithful to the Lord, and to abide in his pure Fear, that they might have Peace when they come to a Dying Bed; as said he, *Through the Goodness of the Lord I can say, I have true Peace with God, and if I Dye I am well satisfied, it will be well with me, and it will be a happy Change for me; Blessed and Praised be the worthy Name of the Lord, whose goodness to me hath been beyond Expression, now in the time of my Weakness;* and then he broke forth into singing high Praises to the Name of the Lord, and sweetly sounding forth Holy Renown and Living Thanks to the Living God, for his Goodness, and Mercies, and Blessings, to the great Comfort of those that were in the hearing of it; this and much more to the same effect was spoken by him in the time of his Sicknes, something more of it may be mentioned in order, as way opens for it; and first shall I spake a little more of his Life and Sufferings; he was Open-hearted, Kind, Courteous and Tender, his Heart and House was open to receive the Lords Messengers, and Ministers that travelled in his Work and Service, and he desired much to have them with him, and entertained them with Cheerfulness. He was a Man attended with great Sufferings in this last Persecution, which was very Hot and Violent, here in this Town of Cirencester, in the County of Gloucester, the place of his abode; but he stood in his Testimony stedfast, and was bold for the holy Truth, notwithstanding all the Rage and Fury of our Persecutors, which was great against us for several Years, of which he had his share both by imprisonment and loss of Goods; he had his Doors Broke, and his Goods Seized several times, till they had Seized all that was in the House, and the Officers returned answer unto the Justice, that there was nothing to be had; but he bore all with Patience, and kept constantly to Meetings, and when the Meeting-House Doors were Nailed up, and Friends kept out and met in the Yard he was not slack in coming to Assemble with them, and sometimes kept Meetings in his House, though the Justices frequently in their own Persons did visit our Meetings several Years together. But blessed be the Lord whose Power and Presence was with us and whose powerful Arm did uphold us, and keep us out of the Fear of Man, which was my Cry, to the Lord, that in his pure Fear we might

might be preserved unto the end, and Gods Power was over all Blessed and Praised be his worthy Name forever and for ever more; who is not wanting to his Faithful People, but is their exceeding great Reward; who hath Rewarded this our dear Friend, and deceased Brother, with a Blessing of Rest and Peace, in that Kingdom that never has End, and hath received him into the Bosom of his Love, where he shall solice his Soul forever and forever.

This Innocent Man, who had been a great Sufferer by them several ways, too much here to mention; he bore it all with Patience, and constantly frequented the Meetings of the Lords People called *Quakers*, where he was a Strength to the Weak, encouraging them to Faithfulness.

We may see a difference between the Death of the Righteous and the Death of the Wicked, for this Innocent Man *A. D.* before mentioned, upon his Dying-Bed often signified, *That he was satisfied, that if he Dyed, it would be well with him, and it would be a happy Change for him*; Blessed be the Name of the Lord over all forever, who is never wanting to his faithful People.

The Sufferings which *A. D.* underwent did not startle him, but with Boldness and holy Confidence he bore his Testimony for the Truth, and against his Persecutors unchristian Proceedings which was contrary to the Doctrine of Christ, who said, *Whatsoever ye would that Men should do unto you, do you the same to them*: And he often advised them to cease from Persecution, and so eased his Spirit in clearing himself of them, and left it at their Doors, and left the Issue to the Lord, who hath taken him out of the reach of all his Enemies, and received him into that Rest which is Glorious, where he shall solice his Soul in the Bosom of Divine Sweetness, Endless Blessedness, and Tryumph in Heavenly Glory forever and forever, of which he had a living sense and feeling in his Life time, Magnified forever be the worthy Name of the Lord, for his Goodness to his People, for he is an exceeding great Reward to them that Fear before him, and put their Trust in him; for the Righteous shall shine as the Stars forever and ever, and their Memorial is Blessed; but the Name of the Wicked shall Rot, and they shall Perish forever, like their own Dung, as the Scriptures say; and though many Men perceive not the difference between the

Death of the Righteous and of the Wicked, because both go down to the Grave in like manner: It hath pleased God of his Mercy and Goodness to let us see a difference, as is apparent by this our dear Brother *A. D.* whose Dying-Bed was made comfortable to him, through the Comfort of Gods Love, in and through Christ Jesus to his Soul, as the Scripture saith, *The Righteous shall Sing for Joy of Heart, when the Wicked shall Howl for Vexation of Spirit*; so in this Life the difference between the Death of the Righteous and the Wicked, the Joy and Comfort of the one, and the Sorrow and Misery of the other; for the Righteous know and are assured, that before they put off this House of Clay, that they have a Habitation not made with Hands, eternal in the Heavens, and their Peace is sure with the Lord God, through the Son of his Love, and that for evermore, as this faithful Servant of the Lord, before mentioned, often gave Testimony of in the time of his Sickness, of the assurance of his Peace with God, whose living Presence did accompany him to his End; as long as he could speak he made mention of it, saying, *Often the Lords sweet Presence is with me beyond my expectation.* When I came first to see him, he said, *He was freely given up in the will of God, whether to Live or Dye,* and said, *if the Lord see it good to take me; it will be well with me, and it will be a happy Change for me*; and he was so filled with the Joy of Gods Salvation, that he sung for Joy of Heart, and Praised the Lord as with an heavenly Harp, as one of them that stood before the Throne of God and the Lamb, having the Harps of God in their Hands, and they Sung a new Song before the Throne, that none could learn but those that were Redeemed from the Earth: My Soul was Refreshed to see and feel the heavenly frame of Spirit that he was in all along upon his Dying-Bed: Another time, when I came to visit him, he took me by the Hand and said, *Thou hast been a Faithful Friend, and a Help to me in the Truth all along, and I have had a tender esteem for thee, and all honest-hearted faithful Friends, and that which I chiefly and most desired, ever since I knew the blessed Truth of God, was, that the Lord would preserve me faithful to himself and his holy Truth unto the End, and I bless his Name, he hath been very good to me all along, that nothing did discourage me in the time of Sufferings to weaken me, but rather as Sufferings increased, I was stronger, and was freely given up according to*
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my weak Capacity, to answer the Lord, and to that which I understood was right in his sight; I could never speak much, but desired to live to what I knew, and the Lord hath accepted of it, Praises to his Name; and I can truly say, that the only thing I aimed at, in desiring this my dear Wife, was that she might be helpful to me in the Truth, and the Lord did make her a help to me, I Bless and Praise his holy Name, for his goodness to me in every season: I said to him, I am persuaded if the Lord see it best to spare thee, and that it would make most for Gods Glory, and thy Good, the Lord will raise thee up again, he said, I believe the same: And when his Relations put him upon it to send to some Physitian, he answered no, for I have that which is known to be good, and approved Medicines, and if these will not do me good, I do not expect help from Man; for if the Lord see good to take me to himself, all the Men upon the Earth cannot keep me alive; so I am given up in the will of the Lord: He was gently visited with a Fever, not Violent, nor complaining much of Pain nor Dryth, but Weakness; so he said to me when I came to visit him, I asked him how he did, he said, Weak in Body, but Strong in the Land, Weak in the outward Man, but Strong in the inward, Blessed and Praised be the Holy Name of the Lord forever: And when he Slembred, as soon as he awaked, his Mouth was opened with a Song of high Praises to the Lord, and when the People came in to visit him, he had a Word in season for them, warning young People to fear God, and watch against those things that did Corrupt Youth, exhorting them to Faithfulness, that it might be well with them upon a Dying-Bed, as it is with me, said he, Praises to the Lord forever.

I was with him when he Departed, and I can truly say, the Lord gave me a sence of his Condition, and I travelled with him under the Pangs of Death, in a fellow-feeling of the Exercise he was in, and when Death touched his Heart, I bore a part with him, in a sympathizing Spirit, and travelled in Spirit with him before the Lord for his Deliverance; and when Death was upon his Body, I felt the Resurrection of the Life of Jesus with his Soul, ready to receive him into that Heavenly Mansion of Glory, and Habitation of Rest and Peace with the Lord; which the Lord hath prepared for his People, which he had the earnest of in his Life time, even the earnest of the Spirit, that sealed to him the assurance of that Inheritance that shall never fade away, into which

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He is entered and gathered, into that felicity that is incomprehensible, which God the Father, in and through Christ Jesus the Lord, had prepared for him, where Heavenly Joy and Gladness, and Divine Comfort, and Lasting Peace is and will be his Portion for evermore.

He departed this Life the 25th day of the 7th Month 1687. about the 6th Hour in the Evening, he lay for about half an hour as if he had been in a sweet Sleep, and went away quietly, like a Lamb, without Sigh or Groan; his dear Wife and Family have a great Loss in parting with him, and I may say, we all miss him, and I can say, my Heart hath been often tendered and broken into Tears of Sorrow for the loss of him, but mixt with Joy in a sense of his happy State; but in Submission to the Will of God, I am well satisfied the Lord best knows when it is the fittest season to take his own unto himself; and for this our dear Friend, he is now in a Habitation of Safety, out of all danger of falling into Temptation, or of being hurt by any of the Wiles of the Enemy, and the desire of my Soul is, that all that know the Truth may walk in the same way, and travel in the just Mans Path, as he did, that they may arrive at the same Haven of Rest and Peace with him, and all the Sanctified in Christ Jesus, in the Kingdom of God, World without End, Amen.

He was Buried the 27th Day of the 7th Month, and was accompanied to the Grave, with many good Friends, and the Power and Presence of the Lord was with us, and that Life that was with him, to his joy, upon his Dying-Bed, Spake forth the Praise & Goodness of the Lord at his Burial; though his Brethren the Servants of the Lord, that did accompany him to his Grave: this was upon me to Publish for the Good and Benefit of those that are left behind; even of all tender People to whom this may come, that they may so Live, and so Walk, that they may be made Partakers of the same joy, which is obtained through Faith in Christ Jesus, and obedient to the Light of his free Spirit who is the leader of his People; and this lead him, our dear Friend before mentioned, out of Sin into the way of Peace; this is the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, that which Christ Jesus promised his Disciples to send, to Lead them into all Truth; and farther said, as the Scripture testifies, *That he shall Convince the World*

World of Sin, of Righteousness, and of Judgement, and it is the same
 that Convinceth of Sin, that leads out of Sin, and gives Victory
 over Sin to all that believe in it, and are willing to deny them-
 selves and take up their daily Cross, and follow him; they come
 to know the assurance of Peace & Rest with the Lord before they
 go out of the Body, so the thoughts of Death is not terrible to
 such, as it is to the Wicked, for Death is the King of Terrors
 to the Wicked, because the way of Truth they have not
 known. *For there is no Peace to the Wicked,* saith the God of
 the Righteous, and they are made Witnesses of it through
 faith in Christ Jesus: who are subject, to his Light and
 Grace in their own Hearts and Consciences; but wo to the
 Wicked, it will go ill with them; they shall Eat the Fruits
 of their own doings, and go down to their Graves in Sorow,
 if they do not Repent of their Wickedness, and turn from
 the Evil of their Doings, and obey the Light of the Son
 of God, that they may be led out of Darkness, into his mer-
 vellous Light; and by it be turned from the Power of Satan to
 the great power of God, that they may know the good word
 of Life that is quick and Powerful, as Sharp and Sharper
 then any two Edged Sword, that divides asunder even Soul
 and Spirit, and between Bones and Marrow, that Ingrafted Word
 of God (that is able to save the Soul) Christ Jesus the Word
 of God, the Light of the World, as he said of himself: and
 again he said, *He that believes in me shall not abide in Darkness:*
 and the Scripture further testifies; *that in him was Life, and the*
Life was the Light of men; so the Life of Jesus is the Light of
 men; so I would advise all to take heed how they Slight the
 Light, both Professors and Prophain, or how you Villifie the
 Light, and say, *It is Insufficient to Lead to Life and Peace;* for in
 so doing you Slight and Villifie the Life of Jesus, and the
 Grace of God that brings Salvation, which the Scriptures saith
Has appeared to all men, and teacheth to deny ungodliness and World-
ly Lust, and to Live Godly, and Righteously, and Soberly in this pre-
sent Evil World; therefore in the Love of God I incite you
 both Professors and Prophain Love the Light, and the Grace
 and Truth that comes by Jesus Christ, who is Gods Salvation
 to the ends of the Earth, and there is no other Name Given
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under Heaven by which any can be Saved; but by the Name of Jesus, the true Light that Lighteth Every man that comes into the World, as the Scriptures saith, *The God is Light, and in him is no Darkness at all*, and this was the Message the holy Apostle had to deliver, and this was the Work that he had to do, *To turn People from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan to the Power of God*; so here People may see the Scriptures do declare, that God is Light, and Christ is Light, and they that slight this Heavenly Divine Light, slight both God and Christ Jesus, and so are liable to Perish in their Gain saying and Rebellion against the Light, and never be made Partakers of Gods Salvation; therefore I intreat all People, that have any tenderness towards the Lord, or any true Regard to the welfare of their own Souls, both Professors and Prophane, Neighbours, Kindred and Acquaintance, Love the Light that convinces of Sin, and reproves in secret for every evil Deed, and believe in it, that you may be saved from the Power of the Destroyer by it; the same that Convinces of Sin Leads out of Sin, and gives Victory over Sin, and brings into Everlasting Peace with God the Father, in and through his Son Christ Jesus; and I testify in the holy Fear of the Lord, and in the tender Love of God, that opens in my Heart and Soul unto the Children of Men, that there is no other way to Salvation; for in Christ, the Light, is the universal Love of God held forth to all People; for he delights not in the death of a Sinner, but would have all to come to the knowledge of the Truth and be saved, who is calling his People out of *Babylon*, out of Confusion, *Come out of her my People, and touch no unclean thing, and I will Receive you, be not partakers of her Sins, lest you are partakers of her Plagues*. So I intreat you, for the Lords sake, and for the good of your own Souls, draw near to the Lord, and he will draw near unto you, seek him while he is to be found; and call upon him while he is near, for he is not far off from Every one of you; that your Peace may be sure with the Lord for evermore; which is the true desire of my Soul for you all, who am your Friend (and one that Travels for the Prosperity of *Slon*) known by the Name of

Theophilus Townsend
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Charles Marshall's Testimony concerning *Amariah Drenst*.

THe foregoing Testimonies are concerning the Life and Death of our dear Friend *Amariah Drenst*. I also having had certain knowledge of him, and conversation with him, have this Testimony to give concerning him, *Viz.* That he was a man fearing God and eschewing Evil, of a tender Spirit having the Awe of God in his Heart; he greatly loved the Gospel of Peace, and those that were sent of God to Preach it in the Power and Demonstration of the Eternal Spirit; his Heart was made glad when the Power of the Lord reached and affected the Heart of his Neighbours; because he greatly desired their Eternal Welfare; more might be said of his Life, Sufferings and Death, but I refer to the foregoing Testimonies of Ear and Eye Witnesses of his latter End, by whose Testimonies it appears, that as he Lived, so he Dyed, in the living enjoyments of Gods Immortal Presence, & felt Refreshment from the Throne of his Eternal Glory.

An now, Oh Inhabitants of *Cirencester*, unto whom the Word of Eternal Life hath been Preached, in a clear Demonstration of the Spirit and Power of the most High, and over whom hath been a blessed day of Visitation, tenderly consider your States and Conditions, and Imbrace that great Blessing, namely, *A being turned every one from the Evil of his doings; & seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near at hand striving with you by the Spirit of his Son Christ Jesus, and knocking at the Door of your Hearts: Oh, let the Saviour In, that ye may be saved from Sin, and Redeemed from the Nature of it.* So is the Blessed end of Christ Jesus his coming answered, namely, *To destroy the Works of the Devil:* Consider in the Dread of the most High, your time is short, and not only short, but also uncertain, therefore remember your latter End, that as you must follow your Righteous Neighbour through Death, so it may be that your latter End may be like his, that living the Life of the Righteous ye may enjoy Eternal Life, when time in this World with you will be no more; that through the following the Spiritual Pillar of Fire, which leads out of Spi-ritual

ritual Eggs, you may obtain the Spiritual Cream, the Rest and Sabbath of God.

unto those that do profess the same Truth, that our dear Friend deceased did, in these parts; Ah, prize your precious Time, and the season of Love and Kindness, that is over you, and the Mercy attending you; and walk worthy of it, and give not way to a Spiritual Idleness, which leads into a Spiritual Slumber, through which the Lamp goes out, and unreadiness to answer the Midnight Cry, and that which follows is Dreadful, a Shutting of the Door; therefore, while its called to Day, answer the Lords Call and tender Visitation, that both Calling and Election may be made sure; so will the Lord delight in you, and bless you, and water you, that in the second Life of Christ Jesus, ye might Live, that your part in the secondurrection ye may obtain, and thereby be preserved from the power of the second Death; so that on the Dying Bed you may hear that Joyfull Testimony, *Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord, ye saith the Spirit they rest from their Labours, and their Works shall follow them.* And now, dear Friends, as ye desire this Portion, and to Honour and Renown the great Name of our Merciful and Tender Father, be stirred up to great Diligence, redeeming Time, loving and obeying the sweet redeeming Power of the Lord, that his Blessed Work, blessedly begun in the Hearts of many, may be accomplished, that you being made free from the Law of Sin and Death, by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, may lay down your Heads in Peace, and enjoy the Crown of Immortality, which is the Lot and Portion of all that follow the Lamb in the Work of Regeneration: And so, dear Friends, in the Love of God, these few Lines, upon this occasion, were on my Heart, to bring in a Testimony to the Lords goodness, that gave our dear Friend, that had followed the Lord faithfully, so sweet a Passage out of this Life to enjoy Immortal Life for evermore.

London the 25th of the 7

11th Month 1667

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Charles Marshall.

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